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### Viewing cable 09BERLIN601,

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#### Understanding cables

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">09BERLIN601</a>	2009-05-20 16:50	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Berlin

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Classified By: Global Affairs Unit Chief Don L. Brown for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1. \(C\) SUMMARY:](#) Germanys plans to develop a space-based High Resolution Optical System (HiROS) capability by 2013 stand to challenge Frances [GERMANY DEVELOPING HIROS DESPITE FRENCH OPPOSITION](#) -----

[12. \(C\) On 28 January 2009, Dr. Andreas Eckardt, DLR Head of Optical Sensors and Electronics, told EconOff that absolutely no cooperation with](#)

[13. \(C\) Thomas Walati, Astrium-Friedrichshafen sales associate and DLR consultant, echoed Eckardts sentiments in an Embassy meeting on May 5, a FENDING OFF THE FRENCH](#) -----

[14. \(C\) Without going into details, Walati claimed that a German/US cooperative agreement on HiROS would fend off the French opposition. He str FRANCE SWEETENS THE DEAL](#) -----

[15. \(C\) Walati said Paris continues to "subsidize" French firms, bids to sell French imagery and/or complete satellite systems and are offering EFFECT ON THE EU DEFENSE SATELLITE CONSORTIUM "MUSIS"](#) -----

[16. \(C\) Germany,s development of an autonomous HiROS system could reduce their need to participate in the Multinational Space-Based Imaging Sys DLR/ASTRIUM LOOKING TO THE US FOR POSSIBLE PARTNERSHIP](#) -----

[17. \(C\) Eckardt and Dr. Cornelia Riess, DLR Head of International Cooperation, said that DLR is pressing forward in Phase B of the HiROS project ASTRUMS SALES PITCH TO THE U.S.](#) -----

[18. \(C\) If German/American cooperation can be worked out on HiROS, Walati envisions that Astrium-Friedrichshafen/DLR would build three satellite components and not/not aiming for an International Traffic in Arms Regulations \(ITAR\)-free design. Walati expressed a desire to organize a meet COMMENT](#) -----

[19. \(C\) Although HiROS is not yet a funded program, Astrium-Friedrichshafen and DLR are aggressively marketing it with the goal of a completed Koenig](#)